

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 6-8, 12-13, 20, 31 and 37 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 5, 9-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21-30 and 32-33 have previously been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-13, 16-17, 20, 31 and 34-38 now are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 31 and 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Dustan, in view of Kaufman U.S. Patent No. 5,666,415 (“Kaufman”).

Applicants respectfully submit that Dustan discloses “*a method for securely accessing information from disparate data sources through a network. The method includes requesting a logon menu from a network server using a client and receiving a logon menu at the client. Next, the method includes communicating a logon input to the network server and communicating the logon input from the network server to a database server. The method then includes verifying that the logon input is a valid logon input at the database server, and generating and storing a unique session identification number at the database server in response to successfully verifying that the logon input is a valid logon input.*” (col. 3, lines 11-23; emphasis provided).

Kaufman discloses a “[m]ethod for providing user authentication and a memory for storing a computer program for providing user authentication.” (Abstract). Kaufman further discloses that “a message is *a hash of a user's password* or other message concatenated with a third nonce, *using a first hash function.*” (col. 9, lines 51-53;

emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part recites “receiving at the service processor a direct platform control (DPC) message . . . including a second hash number to verify the integrity of the DPC message . . . the DPC message is to perform one or more of connecting to Basic Input Output System (BIOS), rebooting, resetting, and shutting down of the service processor.” (emphasis provided). Dustan does not teach or reasonably suggest such a feature.

In addition, Kaufman does not teach or reasonably suggest “receiving at the service processor a direct platform control (DPC) message . . . including a second hash number to verify the integrity of the DPC message . . . the DPC message is to perform one or more of connecting to Basic Input Output System (BIOS), rebooting, resetting, and shutting down of the service processor” as recited by claim 1. (emphasis provided). Kaufman discloses a method for providing user authentication (col. 9, lines 51-53); however, the authentication is not for DPC messages, as recited by claim 1. User authentication is not the same as verifying the integrity of a DPC message that is to reboot, reset, or shut down a service processor, as recited by claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Dustan nor Kaufman, individually or combined, teach or reasonably suggest “receiving at the service processor a direct platform control (DPC) message . . . including a second hash number to verify the integrity of the DPC message . . . the DPC message is to perform one or more of connecting to Basic Input Output System (BIOS), rebooting, resetting, and shutting down of the service processor.” (emphasis provided). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

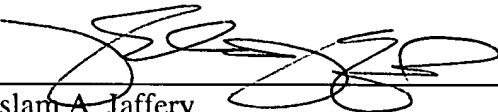
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Respectfully submitted,

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